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the front side wall having a bottom wall portion extending downwardly below the rear side

wall and having a lower fold formed therein to form the bottom of the bag; and

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the front side wall having an extension from the lower fold which is folded upwardly to enclose a lower portion of the rear side wall.

REMARKS

Claim 19, added by amendment, is substantially identical to claim 12 of Fox et. al. U.S. Patent No. 6,190,044, issued on February 20, 2001, which date is subsequent to the filing of this application. Applicant brings the claim forward for purposes of interference.

It is submitted that claim 19 is fully supported by the disclosure of this application, except for the lack of disclosure that the bag is "for use with wicket pins of automatic bag filling equipment." That is not a structural limitation to the bag in question.

To conform the claim language to the disclosure of this application:

1. The "first and second side walls joined along two side edges to form the bag are clearly shown, being side walls 12, 16.

2. One of the side walls is a rear side wall formed from a synthetic resin mesh, namely plastic mesh sheet 12.

3. The other of the sidewalls is a front side wall formed from a synthetic resin film, namely first thermoplastic sheet 16.

4. A reinforcing strip of synthetic resin film (32) extends along an upper edge of one of the side walls (12).

5. There is a sealing juncture formed along the side edge portion of each of the side walls and the reinforcing strip, as described at page 3, lines 14 through 17 of the specification of this

application. See also seal line 48 of Fig. 1, described in the last three lines of page 5 of the specification. Seal line 48 can be seen to form such a sealing juncture along a side edge portion of each of the side walls 12, 16, and the reinforcing strip 32.

6. The front side wall 16 of the bag of this invention has a bottom wall portion 28 extending downwardly below the rear side wall 12, and having a lower fold 22 formed therein to form a bottom of the bag. See Fig. 2.

7. The front side wall 16 has an extension 26 from the lower fold 22, which is folded upwardly to enclose a lower portion of rear side wall 12, as also shown in Fig. 2.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 19 is supported by this specification.

Attorney wishes to make of record the more references which have been cited in a related patent application of Michael J. Recchia, Jr., namely serial no. 09/481,211. Copies of these references are enclosed as well as a PTO Reference Citation document.

Respectfully submitted,

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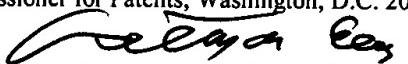


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